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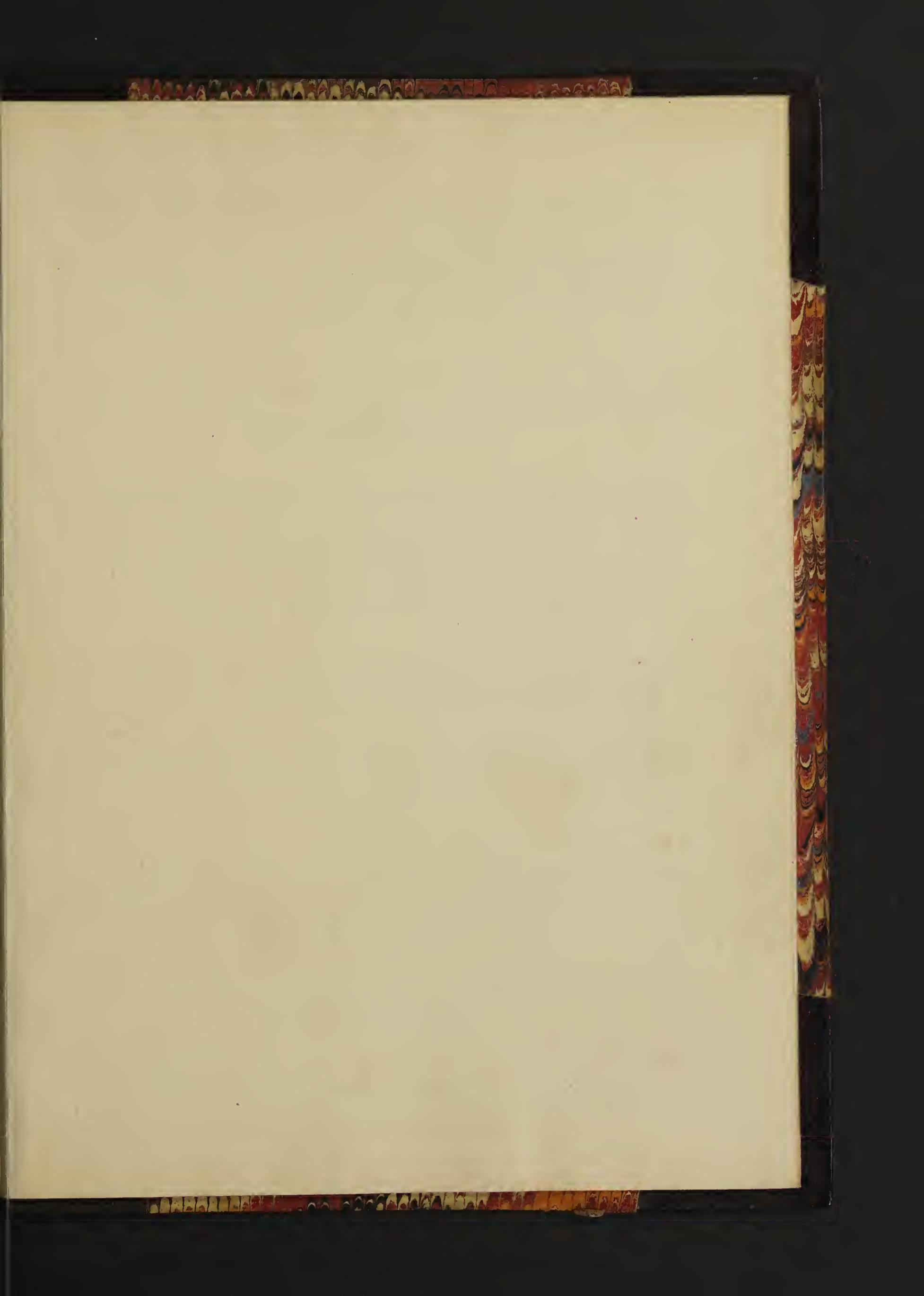
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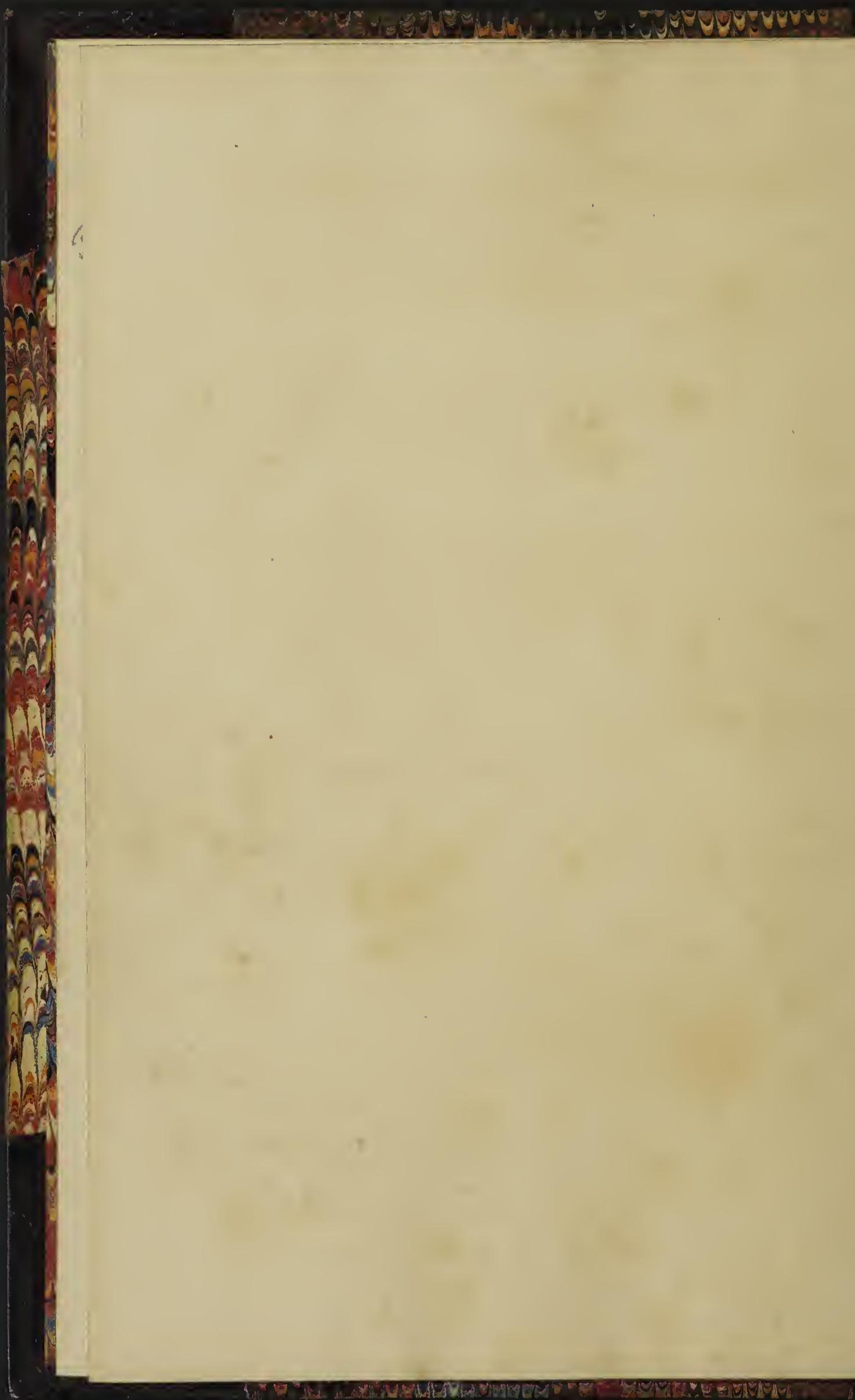
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Mr. Brightmans Judgement, or  
Prophesies what shall befall *Germany*,  
*Scotland*, *Holland*, and the Churches adhering  
to them.

Likewise what shall befall *England*, and  
the Hierarchy therein.

Collected out of his exposition on the Revelations,  
Printed above forty yeares since. Wonderfull to see how  
they are fulfilled, and in fulfilling, foreseeing and fore-  
telling what our eyes have seen, and may see, both in  
the past, present and future State of our times.

Declaring that the Reformation began in Queene  
*Elizabeth's dayes*, is not sufficient for us under greater light.

Finishing the work if we now withstand as here-  
tofore, we are to expect, God hath a sad Controversie with  
the Land.

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This faithfull Watchman or our English Prophet (as he is cald) was  
persecuted and banished by the Bishops, and this Commentary con-  
demned by them to the fire; which they could not effect in  
*Queen Elizabeths raigne*, till King Iames,

Collected for the good of those who want time or coine, to  
purchase so large a volume.

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## Mr. Brightman's Judgement or Prophe- sies, what shall befall Germany, Scotland, Holland and England.



Mr. Brightman in his Booke of the exposition on the Revelations, seriously considering and resolving himselfe, that the 7 Epistles S. John wrote to the 7 Churches in *Asia*, were also written and directed to the 7 succeeding Churches among the Gentiles, of which those 7 were a type or counterpane (omitting for brevity what he saith, concerning the other 4 Churches) we present you with a briefe of what he more immediatly applies to our selves.

In generall (he saith) That there was a terrible storme to be ex-  
pected, and it would be such an horrible tempest, that it would terribly shake the Christian Churches. In his Epi-  
stle and in  
chap. 3.ver.

First, for *Germany*, there was the bitterest scourge for it that ever had fallen upon it, and that it was to come shortly; *Germany* should be like a house that is robb'd by furious, mad & cruell spoylers, that would have no mercy of neither Sex, nor Age; and the comming therof should be suddaine and unexpected, like a thiefe in the night. Which we may see he truly foretold, it being fulfilled in our eares, and the inhabitants thereof having found it by sad experience; let *England* take warning, considering what (he said) was the cause that would bring all this misery: Because (saith he) they tooke no care for a full and through Reformation; therefore by the just judgement of God, they should loose their Citizens and Inhabitants; and they, with other Churches, should come to nothing, and shortly it would appeare: he calls *Germany* by the name of *Sardis*. Chap. 3.  
ver 10.v.12

Secondly, for *Scotland*, and *Holland*, and the other Churches adhering to them ; (typified by godly *Philadelphia*) He saith, that they shall shut and none shall open, and they shall open and none shall shut : A Virgin Church, chaste, not so defiled with *Rome's* superstition as others ; And speakes of a *Covenant* and *Society* they should he joyned in, and bids them, not to be perplexed nor discouraged, at what the world spitesfully prateth of them, as if hee had heard men in our times call them *Traytors*, *Rebels*, *Seditib[us]*, and bids them not to regard the scoffes of the wicked, who will despise them, because they are godly, little, lowly and weake invisible power, in comparison of their enemies ; For (saith he) no enemy shall be able to prevaile against them, and they shall set up a token of victory shortly ; and every one shall be compelled to say, That they are dearely beloved of God : they shall be seen to prosper so exceedingly ; and so marvellously promoted and advanced, beyond all mens expectation : And when that storne and horrible tempest shall come upon the Christian Churches ; these Churches shall stand fast like a pillar, and be preserved from wasting ; when the other Churches which did not take care for a full Reformation (as they did) shall by the just judgment of God, come (as it were) to nothing : There shall bee (saith he) such a miserable hurly burly of all things, that there should scarce be the forme of a Church perceived ; but only with holy *Philadelphia*.

Chap. 3.  
7, 8, 9 ver.

Thirdly, for *England*, whose counterpane he takes to be *Laodicea*, tearing it, *Lukewarme, vaine gloriouſ* *Laodicea*; concerning it, he saith : He that gathereth the teares of his children into his bottle knoweth right well ; That I could never with dry eyes take a survey of this *Laodicea's* lamentable condition, but I powred out teares and sighs from the bottom of my heart, when I beheld Christs loathing of us ; and were it not that out of duty, as a watchman, I dare not betray the salvation of this Chu:ch, by not giving warning, I would have held my peace ; but my hope is that those which love the truth will hearken and accept, and thinke (as the truth is) I envy no mans person, honor or greatness ; Yet when I perceived, that these seven Churches were propounded for a type of all the Churches among the Gentiles ; and with all, saw the order, time, & marvelous agreeing of all things together, I durst not perfidiously bury the truth in silence.

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In that Christ saith of this Church, *I know thy works, that thou art neither hot nor cold*; he observeth, that Christ makeith mention Chap. 3. ver. 15. of no one good thing that it hath, the worst of all the seven (although there were many faithfull in it) yet not any so past hope in regard of the outward forme and government; which comes to passe, not so much through its own default, as by meanes of the faulty government of the Angels, who have so ordered and governed it, that it was tempered and blended together of strange contraries A Hoch-potch, not so cold that we would be, *all Romish*, and cleaving to superstition altogether; nor yet so hot that wee pursue and admit a full Reformation: And therefore the disease of this Church was more difficult and desperate.

Therefore from these words; *I would thou wert either cold or hot*, saith he, I would thou wert either all Romish, or admit of a through Reformation: blaming those Angels only, and those that cleave to them, Priests and Laity; who being bewitched with ambition and covetousnesse, do scornefully reject this holy Reformation, not enduring the remedy, but accounting that worse than the disease.

Therefore he saith in plaine tearmes, That the Bishops, which he calls no better than Lord-Beggars, because their riches and honors (for the most part) they get by fawning, flattering, bribing; being ambitious to get under great men, and so creep into the Court for preferment. But (saith he) both they and their whole lukewarme Hierarchy, shall quite bee overthrown, and Chap. 3. ver. 14. never recover their dignity again: And at their overthrow, they shall endanger the people, by reason of their consenting to them: Yet the people shall escape overthrowing, but it is to be feared the people shall feele some adversity; But God will not suffer the Hierarchy to escape; for they seeking honors and riches, and not those things which are Christs, shall have reproachfull Judge-ments; few or none shall sigh or sob for them, but they and their Priests shall be vile before the people, and men shall read the reports concerning them, with delight: And they shall be cast out and spewed up as vomit out of a corrupted stomach, that no man will be willing to take up againe; from these words, There-  
fore because thou art lukewarme, and neither hot nor cold: It shall ver. 16, 17. come to passe that I will spew thee out of my mouth. For thou saist, I

am rich and increased with goods , and have need of nothing, and knowest not how thou art wretched, and miserable, and poore, and blind, and naked.

The whole State of this Church of *Laodicea* is worthy of serious consideration, as M. Brightman applyes it to *England*, in this and divers other Chapters , for hee speakes of our times as if hee were now living.

And further he saith in his Epistle and elsewhere in his Commentary, that many are the miseries the Christian Churches must suffer, for there will be a long and dolefull Tragedy , which will overthrow with scourges, slaughter, death and ruine ; and that the sword of the Lord shall be made drunk in their blood, except they receive warning and amend.

But yet (saith hee) Bee of good comfort *Germany*, *France* and *Brittany*, and all you Christian Churches ; This is the last Act ; for after this Theater and long Tragedy is past, there will succeed in the room thereof happy dayes, with abundance of peace and all good things. And it is his Judgment, (if I may not say his Prophesy) comparing one Scripture with another , and times with times : That before the yeare 1650., that the Iews shall be called ; the whore of *Romes* nose shall be slit, and she stript of all her glorious garments and attire, her power and sinewes cut, and the Pope himselfe shall run out of *Rome* into *Avignon*, or into *Bonia*, or thereabout, one of his own Cities ; and the City of *Rome* shall be burnt with fire.

**Chap.19.  
verse 4.**

**In his Epi**

And that the King of *Spaine* and the King of *Ptolomy*, and some other Kings shall bewaile her, and would faine help her, but dare not, because they shall be afraid of their own safety , least they be devoured, or scorched with the same fire.

**Chap.19.  
verse 19.**

**Chap.18.  
verse 10.**

And further he saith ; that the Emperour of *Germany* shall destroy *Rome*, if he set to the worke, it being most proper for him ; but if he doth it not, some other shortly will have the prise of that victory : Therefore ( saith he ) you godly Princes take the matter in hand, and set to this worke ; it shal not be a thing of so great trouble as you think for ; feare not the huge Armies will come to helpe her ; if you thinke the *Spaniard*, or the *French-man*, or any other King, will raise mighty forces against you to defend her, as being *Romes* friends ; these are altogether vainc feare,

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Scare-Crows, Goblins, Bugbeares for simple people, for her friends Chap. 17.  
 shall stand affarre off with waiting (testifying their love) sighing  
 and sobbing, but taking no paines, nor striking a stroke to deliver  
 their Whore, being now an old withered Harlot, but crying, *Alas*  
*Alas that great City.* And againe he further saith ; and you the rest Chad. 17.  
 of the Christian Princes, you need do nothing, only be valiant and verse 16.  
 of good courage in dispatching your worke for the Lord, and  
 matters shall prosper as happily as you desire ; and understand at Chap. 18.  
 length by what way you may procure, as to your selves honor and ver. 10, 11.  
 tranquillity , so quietnesse and joy to the whole Christian world ;  
 Therefore draw your Swords against *Rome*, for you shall preuale.

And saith he, within 45 yeares after *Rome* is destroyed ; The  
 Pope once more gathering all his friends together to try his last Chap. 19.  
 chance, shall then be utterly overthrowne, being about the yeare verse 19.  
 1686, which will be the longest time he can continue. But *Rome* Chap. 13.,  
 being destroyed, and the Iewes called, there will be then to the  
 end, a most happy tranquillity, and things very great indeed, and In his Ep  
 to be admired ; the Joy will be so much that it will be strange and  
 unexpected ; for in the place of former troubles, there will be  
 perpetuall peace, and then Kings and Queenes will be nursing fa- Chap. 20.  
 thers, and nursing mothers unto the Christian Churches. verse 24.

Then the great Turke shall be 40 yeares on the decaying hand,  
 and looke many Countries ; but in the yeare 1696, He also shall be Chap. 9.  
 utterly overthrowne : And then Christ shall raigne with his  
 Ordinances chiefe in the world. verse 15.

They that please to examine these quotations in the margent,  
 by Master Brightmans Booke on the *Revelations*, which he wrote  
 above forty yeares agoe, they shall finde every noat either in the  
 same words, or to the same purpose.

Yet not to forget that he saith further of *England and Ireland*.  
 Although Christ be angry with us, by reason we are so far from a Chap. 11.  
 perfect reformation; and they which labour to bring in the Popish  
 Ceremonies hated of God, do indanger the overthow of our  
 Kingdome ; yet he saith Christ hath begun his Kingdome (at that  
 time he wrot) which was in the days of blessed Queene Elizabeth,  
 who happily begun and proceeded in the worke of Reformation,  
 according to the time and those dayes she lived in ; the finishing  
 whereof will be required of this Generation ; otherwise expect  
 God

God hath a sad controversie with this Land; but Christ hath begun his Kingdome both in *England*, and *Ireland*, to raigne evermore; and the enemies which shall endeavour many enterprises, yet they shall vanish like smoke, and they shal never prevaile to overthrow Christ his Kingdome begun here; for there will never want Christian Princes to maintaine His Truth begun; which he saith began from the yeare 1558, for the Seventh Angell blew his trumpet for th's time, and saith he would raigne evermore,

**Chap. II.**  
**verse 15.**

And lastly, he saith (for the better understanding of what he meanes) That the City of *Rome* is not limitted to that City, but extends as far as the Pope hath any dominion; So that the City of *Rome* is in destroying, if any of her Dominions be in destroying; as he interprets the holy Ghosts meaning: but the Pope is to be quite and fully overthrown at the yeare 1686. Therefore by computation *Rome* must be in destroying at 1641, in some of his Dominions. So I conclude this briefe Relation (of what Master Brightman largely iusists upon, shewing his grounds in his Book why hee affirmes these things) with Christ's Counsell to this Church of *Laodicea*.

**Chap. 19.**  
**verse 19:**

*I counsell thee to buy of me Gold tryed by the fire, that thou maist be made rich; and white rayment, that thou mayst be cloathed, that thy filthy nakednesse do not appeare; and to anoint thine eyes with eye-salve that thou mayst see.*

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